

**DRAFT – Attachment A**  
**Minutes of the Population Technical Advisory Committee**

Friday, January 27, 2006  
Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Conference Room 104  
1717 West Jefferson Street  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Arizona State University – Tom Rex  
Department of Environmental Quality – David Lillie  
Department of Economic Security – Linda Strock / Peter Kozy  
Department of Health Services – Richard Porter  
Department of Revenue - Karen Jacobs  
Department of Transportation – Jami Garrison  
Department of Water Resources – John Fortune  
Maricopa Association of Governments – Harry Wolfe, Anubhav Bagley  
Pima Association of Governments – Kristen Zimmerman  
Northern Arizona Council of Governments – Chris Fetzer  
Central Arizona Association of Governments – Jack Tomasik  
Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization – Rich Gaar  
Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona – Norm Petersen  
League of Arizona Cities & Towns – Tom Belshe  
Western Arizona Council of Governments – David Barber  
\* City of Phoenix – Tim Tilton, Max Enterline  
\* State Land Department – Mila Hill  
\* Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization – Paul Melcher

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Northern Arizona University  
University of Arizona  
County Supervisors Association of Arizona  
Department of Commerce  
Department of Education  
The Navajo Nation  
\*Department of Insurance

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Samuel Colón, Department of Economic Security  
Jeffrey Hirshenson, Department of Economic Security  
Susan Kanzler, Department of Economic Security  
John Fan, Department of Economic Security  
Allen Barnes, Department of Economic Security  
Rosemary Soto, Department of Revenue  
Sandra Holland, Pima Association of Governments  
\*Non-voting member  
<sup>1</sup>Participating by teleconference

**1. Call to Order.**

Richard Porter (ADHS) called the meeting to order at 10:40 am. He asked that new people introduce themselves. Sandra Holland of Pima Association of Governments (PAG) did so.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Prior POPTAC Meeting.**

Richard Porter asked for comments or corrections regarding the minutes from the prior meeting. None were made. Richard Porter then called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rich Gaar (SEAGO) and seconded by Linda Strock (DES) and approved.

**3. New business/Call to the audience.**

There was no new business.

**4. Estimates/Projections Methodology Report.**

Dave Lillie (DEQ) gave the report. He explained how Samuel Colon (DES) had derived his figures using a combination of the Composite and HUM methods. Military figures were over counted in several counties (Maricopa, Cochise, Yuma, and Pima). Using the Hum method, Building permits data from 1989 to April 1999 was compared with Census figures from 1990-2000. The growth rate was compared with permit changes.

Not much difference was found between the completions and permits methods. Concerns were expressed using 2% lag rate versus greater or lesser never built figures. Samuel said the file will be in the POPTAC Work Files. Some had 0% never built and some had 2%. Samuel said this information would also be available today in the Work Files.

Dave Lillie said that Susan Kanzler (DES) referred to adjustments to vital statistics. She made numerous runs for each county. Constraints in growth were said to be land use and water use related. Long term construction appears to be more of a problem than short term. David discussed how to make changes in the future, suggesting that an economic model should be used along with the composite and demographic models.

Pete Kozy (DES) passed around a list of suggested projects for the coming year regarding estimates and projections. A call was made that suggested projects for the year along with their justifications be given to Pete by the end of the day.

Dave Barber (WACOG) asked how Mohave County citizens who work in Nevada would be counted. Mila Hall (ASLD) asked about the same situation with people in Pinal County who work in Maricopa.

Pete Kozy said that the Motor Vehicle Department had attempted to remove those no longer in the military but, instead added them, thus doubling the error.

Harry Wolfe (MAG) expressed concern about the estimates regarding the two percent discrepancy between building permits and completion and asked that information be given about this prior to the POPTAC meeting. He felt that he had not been given prior notice.

It was explained that revenue sharing had a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for submitting estimate results. Linda Strock said that we will always submit corrections when we are aware of them.

Harry Wolfe asked for the last moment when changes could be submitted and when they would be final. Linda said that would be when the director signs. Anubhav Bagley (MAG) expressed concern about the methodology.

Jack Tomasik asked if POPTAC would be voting to approve 2005 and 2006 estimates both next year since this year's totals had not been. He was told no. Only 2006 would be considered at that time. The 2005 totals will never go through the approval process. Tom Rex of ASU reminded everyone that POPTAC was strictly advisory. Pete Kozy said we still want POPTAC's input because they are so involved and have the local view. Linda Strock said she still thought the meetings were valuable.

A special census had been done for the city of Yuma this year. The question was asked concerning when adjustments will occur. Linda Strock mentioned a previous special census in 1985 which resulted in a redo of 1980 census which was lowered. An answer is hard to know. The situation can play out until May 1. They can choose either the DES or Census Statistics. No further discussion was done on this topic.

## **5. Recommendation of 2006-2055 State and County Projections**

There was a call for discussion.

Pete Kozy said the methodology had not changed from the last time.

Pete stated that projections will be done every year but be unofficial except every 5<sup>th</sup> year. Anubhav Bagley expressed concerns over methodology. He wondered if we had to work on the estimates today when we were not sure they were correct.

Pete said no one has any figures at this point in time.

Rich Gaar moved that recommendations be tabled until March. Dave Barber seconded.

It was decided to table any recommendations until the next POPTAC meeting in March.

## **6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Richard Porter at approximately 11:15 am.